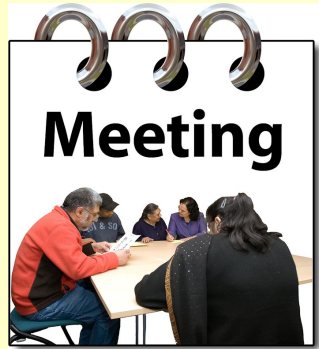


# Health Action Group



Notes from the meeting on  
**4th August 2011**

10.00 am - 12.00 midday  
at Frederick Treves House,  
Poundbury, Dorchester

We will tell you what the **words in green** mean at the end of the notes.

**Words in red** are action points for someone to do something.

## Who was there



<b>James Bowen</b>	Co-Chair
<b>Debbie Hopper</b>	Vice Chair
<b>Frances Stevens</b>	NHS Bournemouth, Poole and Dorset
<b>Lorraine Bailey</b>	Dorset Healthcare NHS Trust
<b>Chris Pacey</b>	Dorset Healthcare NHS Trust
<b>Jannie Bowen</b>	Borough of Poole
<b>Richard Sales</b>	GP Lead, NHS Dorset
<b>Alison Pressage</b>	PALS, Bournemouth Hospital
<b>Amanda Colman</b>	PALS, Poole Hospital
<b>Linda Reider</b>	Dorset Healthcare NHS Trust
<b>Dave Partlow</b>	South West Ambulance NHS Trust
<b>Bill Hughes</b>	Care Dynamics
<b>Amanda Parsons</b>	Bournemouth People First
<b>Debbie Barnfield</b>	Bournemouth People First

## Who told us they could not come



<b>Tim Rose</b>	Co-Chair
<b>Louise Bate</b>	Poole LINK
<b>Kimberley Fields</b>	Poole Forum
<b>Sandra Webb</b>	Safeguarding Lead, Dorset County Hospital
<b>Ruth Crook</b>	Carers Forum, Poole
<b>Linda Witchell</b>	PALS, Bournemouth Hospital
<b>Sally Scott</b>	Dorset People First
<b>Nicki Mann</b>	Dorset Advocacy
<b>Other people that we send the notes to</b>	
<b>Richard Maxfield</b>	Co-Chair, Dorset Partnership Board
<b>Mark Buckley</b>	Dorset People First



## Introductions

Welcomes and introductions were given by James Bowen



Debbie thanked Linda Witchell for all the work that she has done in Bournemouth hospital and wished Linda well in her new life in Australia

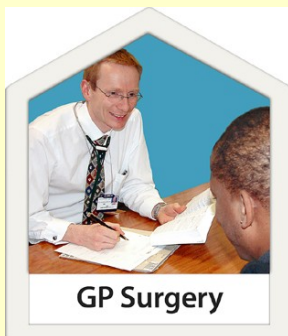


We welcomed Alison Pressage who has taken Linda's place

## Notes from the last meeting

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Dr Cowley from Bournemouth was asked to join the **Health Action Group**. He will not be able to come to meetings at the moment but would like to have a copy of the notes to read



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The new hospital working group will look at the action plans from the hospital reviews



## Winterbourne View

Debbie reported that a lot of work is being done to make sure that all people in hospitals out of the area (not in Bournemouth, Poole or Dorset) are being cared for properly



Reports have been sent to the **Safeguarding Boards** and to all of the **Learning Disability Partnership Boards**

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Richard said that residential homes had sent him letters asking if he had any concerns.



He thinks they should go to an **independent organisation** like the **Care Quality Commission (CQC)**

**ACTION!**

**Frances Stevens will contact CQC to find out about this**



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James Bowen talked about easy read information about medicines at the Communication for All group. Jannie handed out an easy read booklet made by People First Dorset called My Medication



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We will ask **LINKs** to tell us about their visits to **Community Hospitals** and private care homes at the next meeting



## Self Assessment (Big NHS Health Check)

The whole country will be doing the NHS **self assessment** this year.

We agreed that we should have a meeting to talk about it before the next **Learning Disability Partnership Board** meetings.



There are now two working groups for health across Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole

- The hospital group
- The dental group



The hospital group will look at how hospitals should look after people with **profound and multiple learning disabilities**

Linda Reider has offered to organise the hospital group

**ACTION!**

**Debbie to send names of people in the group to Linda**

People in the hospital group:

Linda Reider

Tim Rose

Amanda Colman

Val Cope

Paul Crabbe

Steve Clark

Krystyna Wisniewska

Sandra Webb



The dental group will look at what dental services need to do to help people look after their teeth



People in the dental group:

Jo Findlay

Anita Hazell

Jean Houston

Kate Roschkosh

Nikki Mann

**ACTION!**

**Debbie will email the group and ask them to arrange a meeting**

We thought that Gary Hawkins should be in this group because he has already done some work with dentists

## **ACTION!**

**Chris will ask him if he would like to join**



We may want to have groups to look at mental health services and at ambulance services

## **Any other business**



1. Richard has been sent a document from **Social Services** about the changes to day services across Dorset. They would like people to tell them what they think about the changes



Frances will be going to a meeting with the people who are looking at this. She will make sure that people have their say



2. Debbie told the group about the Have Your Say on health days.



There were 4 main areas that we talked about



- Campus and people moving on
- Getting a good service at your GP surgery. For example
  - ◇ getting a health check
  - ◇ Using yellow health books
  - ◇ Having checks for cancer  
This is called **screening**
- Feeling safe in health services  
In this part we talked about
  - ◇ Mental health
  - ◇ Carers
  - ◇ **Offender health care**
- Valuing People Now targets

About 20 people with a learning disability came to each meeting and a few carers. There were Have Your Say meetings all across Dorset.

3. There are still 9 people to move from campus homes.



The **Local Authority** takes the lead for services for people with a learning disability and the HAG will ask them about how these people are being supported to move



5. Debbie thanked Dave Partlow from South West Ambulance Service for coming to the meeting.

Debbie will talk to Dave about the easy read leaflet for the **message in a bottle**



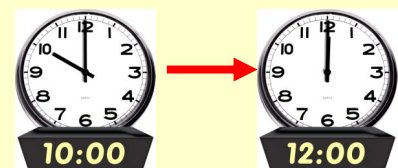
### Next meeting

The next meeting of the Health Action Group will be: Thursday 13 October



Ridgeway Day Centre  
Links Road  
Weymouth

10 am – 12 midday



## What the words mean

### Health Action Group

A group of people who talk about how health services can help people with learning disabilities better. There are people from health services in the group and also people who have learning disabilities, people who help them and their carers

### Safeguarding Boards

A group of people who meet up to talk about keeping people safe and how to stop abuse from happening

### Partnership Boards

Bring together lots of people in your local area to work on making things better for people with learning disabilities

### Independent organisation

A group of people working together who can speak out and make sure things change when they find something wrong in services

### Care Quality Commission

People who check up on services run by the NHS, local councils, private companies and voluntary organisations

**LINKs**

An organisation that you can join to have your say about health and social care.

**Community Hospitals**

Small hospitals that are closer to where people live, but do not have all the services that big hospitals have

**Self assessment**

Getting people together to decide what is working well and what needs to be better in health services.

**Profound and multiple learning disabilities**

People who need help with every part of their life and who may have lots of problems with their health

**Social Services**

Services paid for by the government in your local area, like help with housing, help with finding a job, help with finding things to do during the day, help with care needs

**Screening**

A health check for cancer

**Offender health care**

Health care for people while they are in prison or when they have been arrested

**Local Authority**

The council in your local area that runs government services

**Message in a bottle**

A leaflet that you can keep at home to tell ambulance services about you in an emergency

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